

April 12, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Building Codes Committee

FROM: Leon Manuel, City of El Mirage, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, April 19, 2000 - 2:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Supporting information is enclosed for your information.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 13 people for the MAG Building Codes Committee. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (602) 438-2200 or Harry Wolfe at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of March 15, 2000 Meeting Minutes

3. Call to the Public

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public and Committee to address the Building

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

2. Review and approve meeting minutes of March 15, 2000.

3. For information and discussion.

Codes Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Please note that an updated list of Committee members and e-mail addresses will be distributed at the meeting.

4. R3/U-1 Semi One-Hour Occupancy Separation

Last year, the MAG Building Codes Committee requested that the Building Inspector/Plans Reviewer Group develop a standard for R3/U-1 Semi One-Hour Occupancy Separation. Once drafted, the standard would be forwarded to the MAG Building Codes Committee for consideration.

Roger Vermillion, chairman of the Building Inspector/Plans Examiners Group has transmitted an explanation and recommendation for an occupancy separation walls between R3/U-1 to the MAG Building Codes Committee. MAG staff e-mailed the recommendation to Committee members on March 16, 2000. The MAG Building Codes Committee will be requested to consider action on the recommendation. Please see Attachment One.

5. Marking of Trusses

Last year Truss Manufacturers made presentations to the MAG Building Codes Committee raising questions regarding the requirements for the marking of Trusses. In response to these questions, the Chairman of the MAG Building Codes Committee requested that the MAG Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer Group develop a recommendation for truss identification per UBC 2343.6. A recommendation has been developed which was transmitted to the Chairman of the MAG Building Codes Committee last month, along with a written explanation of recommendation. On March 16, 2000 MAG staff e-mailed the recommendation to Committee members. The MAG Building Codes Committee will be requested to consider action on the recommendation. Please see Attachment Two.

4. For information, discussion and recommendation for R3/U-1 Semi One-Hour Occupancy Separation.

5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve the Truss Marking Standard.

6. Minimum Size of Opening of a Flue Damper in Solid Fuel Burning Fire Place Coating a Gas Log

Last year the Hearth Association made a presentation to the MAG Building Codes committee expressing interest in establishing a standard regarding fireplace flue dampers in the region. In response to this interest, the MAG Building Inspector/Plan Reviewer Group was requested by the Building Codes Committee to develop a recommendation. A recommendation has been developed that provides an interpretation of the specified Code Section. The recommendation and accompanying explanation were transmitted to the Chairman of the MAG Building Codes Committee on March 15, 2000 and e-mailed to Committee members on March 16, 2000. The MAG Building Codes Committee will be requested to consider action on the recommendation. Please see Attachment Three.

7. Adoption of the 2000 Codes

The adoption of the 2000 International Building Codes and uniform set of amendments will be discussed. The attachments from the meeting of February 2000 regarding the adoption of uniform codes and amendments for the Los Angeles area will be distributed.

8. Questionnaire on Use of Technology in Permitting Process

At the March meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee, suggestions were made for the development of a questionnaire to determine the interest in and ability of member agencies to use e-commerce and the Internet to facilitate the permitting and development process. Materials will be distributed at the meeting and a status report will be presented.

6. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve an interpretation of the treatment of a fireplace flue damper per UMC Section 901.2.

7. For information, discussion and possible action.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.

9. Status Report on Other Items

A number of items that have appeared on the MAG Building Codes Committee have been deferred. A memo summarizing the status of these items is included in Attachment Four. Specific dates for addressing these items will be summarized at the meeting. Please see Attachment Four

10. Review of Mission of MAG Building Codes Committee

The MAG Building Codes Committee was established in 1968. The mission of the MAG Building Codes Committee is to encourage and promote uniformity in the interpretation and enforcement of building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes adopted by its members. At the March meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee it was recommended that this mission be reviewed.

11. MAG Building Codes Committee Work Program for the Coming Year

The work program for the MAG Building Codes Committee for the coming year will be discussed focusing on key accomplishments to be achieved, organizational structure and enhancements to the Building Codes Committee Agenda format. In addition, MAG staff will review the Committee structure at MAG.

12. Topics for Future Agendas

Update of the: Arizona Propane Refueling Systems Forum; the Development of the 1999 National Electrical Code MAG Amendments; and the development of the MAG Standard for the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also meet with the Officers of the Building Inspectors and Plans Examiners Forum.

9. For information, discussion and possible action.

10. For information, discussion and possible action.

11. For information, discussion and possible action.

12. For information and discussion.